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[Despatch Abstract.]

Encl.Copy of Pro.of
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1 Survey report

DEPARTMENT.

In future letters, please quote No. 7166 dated 12/10/22 and short title *

Rec'd ..... Enclosure.

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Telephone No.
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Dated 6th October 1922. 192

From (Name) M.R.Kharegat. BSc., A.M.I.C.E.
(Designation) Superintending Engineer
(Address) III Circle, Bellary.

SECTION
14 OCT 22
3313

To The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Madras.

Sir,

The Church at Ramandrug Bellary District was used as a Hospital for the German Prisoners of War with the sanction of the Lord Bishop of Madras during 1917 and 1918, and was thus in the occupation of the Military Department. Early in 1920 the Military Department wanted to hand over the building with the furniture, and at the instance of the Executive Engineer Bellary Dn. the Chaplain of Bellary was requested to take over the furniture and the building from the Military Department hen the Chaplain visited the Church for the purpose he found some of the furniture broken and others articles were entered missing. A military court of enquiry was formed and copy of the proceedings of the court is enclosed

2. I therefore sent 2 estimates for Rs.925 and Rs 180 for replacing the missing furniture and for repairing the broken articles ~~reporting~~ respectively to the Dy. Assistant Director of Military Works Bangalore and a copy of that Officer's reply is enclosed.

Description of articles	Value on the books. Rate. Rs.	A.	P.	Amount. Rs.	A.	P.	Date of receipt	Remarks by the Subordinate in charge explaining the cause of the articles becoming unserviceable	Remarks by the Executive Engineer.
Bellary Division.									
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Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry assembled at Bellary on the 13th of August 1920 by order of Lt. Col. Carleton, D.S.O. Commanding Bellary for the purpose of enquiring into ~~the~~ reporting upon the deficiencies of furniture of the Church at Ramandrug

President S.S. Conner, 2/73rd Malabar Infantry.
Members. Lt. S.C. Rose, 2/73rd Malabar Infantry.
Lt. Woodford Deton 2 Beds and Huts Regimen.

The Court having assembled pursuant to order proceed to examine Rev. S.C. Piers, who being duly warned states

I produce Head quarters Bangalore Brigade letter dated 29th March 1917 with copy of the Lord Bishop's letter dated 2nd April to the Rev. Giles sanctioning the use of the Church for German Prisoners of War as a Hospital.

The Church is under the D.P.W. supervision and I hand in their letter No. 1990 dated 31st March 1920 in which I was requested to take over the articles of furniture in the Church and I visited the Church and on seeing the condition of the furniture refused to take it I then wrote to the Executive Engineer and reported what was in the Churchand its condition and how much furniture was entirely missing vide my letter No. 150 dated 16th April 1920. As far as I am aware the building was handed over to the Military authorities who are responsible for the furniture therein.

The Church was originally intended as a Hospital for German Prisoners of War but when I visited Ramandrug in July, August and September 1919 I saw that the Church was being used a Recreation room instead of a Hospital.

August 18, 1920.

Sd/- S.C. Piers.
Chaplain, Bellary.

I saw some of the furniture here during September 1918 and it good condition.

This cave was used as a Prayer room by the British Det chment furniture was removed from the cave to the Church.

When the camp was finally closed, the furniture was broken and some of it was missing.

The furniture was in the charge of O/C P/W Camp Ramandrug and was not handed to me on relief. I had the furniture moved back into the Church.

Sd/ T. Ananthacharlu,
S.D.C. Bellary

Finding of the Court.

The Court attach the following letters to Proceedings. Head Quarters, Bangalore Brigade, dated 29th March 1917 Copy of the Lord Bishop letter dated 2nd April 1917, Executive Engineer, Bellary No. 1890 dated 31st March 1920. Head Quarters Bangalore Brigade No. 2291/55/S dated 2nd April 1920.

The Court of opinion that no further evidence is available on the item Officer Commanding, P/W Camp, Quarter Master, Quarter Master Sergeant have since been demobilised.

On evidence given we are of opinion that the furniture was in goodcondition when the cave was used as a Prayer Room.

On the closing of the camp, the Officer Commanding P/W camp did not hand over charge of the furniture and when seen by the Caplai (Rev. Piers) during his visit to Ramandrug was in a broken condition vide his letter No. 150 dated 15th April 1920 to the Executive Engine Bellary.

On evidence given by the Chaplain (Rev. Piers) it appears that the privilege accorded to the Military authorities to use the Church as a Hospital was abused, by the Church being used as a Recreation Club room.

Owing to the neglect of the Prisoners of War Camp Staff not taking sufficient precaution we are of opinion that the Military authorities, and not the Civil Authorities are reponsible for the damages and deficiencies which are attached to I.A.F.A. 498

We are unable to find the cost of repairs and replacements which in our opinion is payable by the state.

Sd/ Illegible.
President.

I concur and am further of opinion that the individual directly responsible for the losses and damages in question in the Officer Commanding the Prisoners of War Camp at Ramandrug inFebruary 1918, to whom the furniture was originally handed over and who appears to have taken no steps to carry out the wishes of the Lord Bishop of Madra in his letter dated the 2nd April 1917 regarding the safe custody of the furniture, with which he was presumably made acquainted by the Military authorities at the time.

Sd/ H.A. Carleton, Lt.Co
Commanding Bellary.

CRO 33 13 Acctr | From the Sec III Cmrs No 7166 9/[illegible]

Furniture in the Church at Ramanons, Ballam/Dh

Encr 3313

D 24-10-22

Referred to the AG for remarks as to which department should bear the cost of replacing and repairing the articles of furniture

CR 23/10/22

C.T.O 24/10

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e AG. with the Treasury in order to be able with reply

D 30/10/22

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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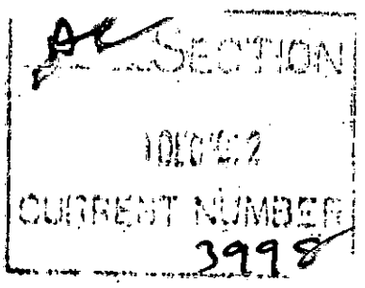

No. 481 W.M.6 B

Station Fort St. George ; *dated the* 7th December 192 2.

From

W. D. WOOLLAM, Esq.,

ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,

Madras

To

~~THE CHIEF ENGINEER~~ THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In returning herewith Superintending Engineer's (Third circle) letter No.7166 dated 12-10-1922 regarding the incidence of the cost of repairing and replacing certain damaged and missing articles of furniture in the Church at Ramandroog (Bellary Division) which it is presumed, is intended primari for the accommodation of troops, forwarded with your Endorsement No.3313 Ac-1 dated the 24th October 1922, I have the honour to state as follows:

2. Of the articles said to be missing, all except 12 fire buckets and 1 large teakwood box are in the list of furniture enumerated under Rule 24(1) of the Ecclesiastical Rules which is required to be supplied by the Public Works Department. The teakwood box is among the articles to be supplied by the Civil Department--Vide clause (2) of the same rule. Firebuckets are not mentioned in either list and do not therefore come under the category of furniture.

3. Under Rule 28 of the Rules, the replacing of all the missing articles, except the fire buckets, at the cost of the State, requires the sanction of the Government of India. The cost of repairing the damaged articles and of replacing firebuckets may be sanctioned by the Local Government. In either case, the cost may be debited to 41 Civil Works Repairs--Central, with reference to article 181(1) of the Audit Code.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Accountant-General.

memo

From the S.E. III Circle No. 7166-D/12 dt 22

3313 Ac - 2 d 18 12/22

Copy of the A.E.'s letter No. 48 W.M.B. dt 7.12.22 is forwarded to the S.E. III Circle with reference to para 3 of the letter read above.

2 The S.E. is requested to submit at an early date an estimate for replacing the missing articles & for repairing the damaged articles in the Church at Ramdrug. His attention is invited to Rule 28(2) of the Ecclesiastical rules & he is requested to ascertain & report whether the officer responsible cannot be asked to make good the loss if it was not due to circumstances beyond his control

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In future letters, please quote No. 780 dated 31/1/23

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CURRENT NUMBER 398

From (Name) M.R. Kharegat Esq.

(Designation) Superintending Engineer

(Address) III Circle Bellary

To The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department Madras

Sir,

Referring to para 2 of your No.3313 Ad-2 dated 18-12-22 I forward herewith a copy of the proceedings of the court of enquiry held on 15-8-20 for your information

The estimates called for will be submitted shortly on receipt from the Deputy Assistant Director of Military Works Bangalore.

31/1/23

For Superintending Engineer III Circle

Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry assembled at Bellary on the 13t of August 1920 by order of Lieut Col.Carleton, D.S.O.Commanding Bellary for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting upon the deficiencies of furniture of the Church at Ramandroog.

[redacted]. President

Captain, S.S.Conner, 2/73rd Malabar Infantry.

Members.

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August 13, 1920.

(Sd.) S.O.Piers,

Chaplain of Bellary.

Hussain Hall which was used as a Prayer Room and subsequently the furniture wasremoved to a "Cave" below British Cook House.

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Sd./ T.Ananthachârlu.

Sub Divisional Officer, Bellary.

FINDING OF THE COURT

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(Sd.) Illegible

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(Sd.) H.A.Carleton,
Lieut-Co
Commanding Bellary

Bellary
19-8-20.

In future letters, please quote No. 1387 dated 23/2/23 and short title *

AC SECTION
ORDER : 5
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From (Name) M.R.Kharegat Esq., A.M.I.C.E.
(Designation) Superintending Engineer
(Address) Third Circle Bellar

To The Secretary to Government
P.W.D Madras.

Sir, Church at Ramandrug.

With reference to your Memo No.3313 Ac/22-2 dated 7-2-23, I have to inform you that the court of enquiry held on 13-8-20, was of opinion that Military authorities are responsible for the damages and deficiencies and that the cost of repairs and replacements is

The Court assembled for enquiry at Bellary on 13-8-20 has recorded that the evidence of the officer commanding Prisoners of War Camp is not available Any how I am now addressing the Assistant Commanding Royal Engineer, Bangalore to ascertain and report if the cost of repairs and replacements cannot be recovered from the Officer, Commanding the Prisoner of War Camp Bellary. On receipt of reply the same will be reported

22/2/23

For Superintending Engineer II Circle.

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No. 3313 Pol/22-4 dt. 4.4.23

Memorandum

Church of Rama -

Bellary - Mr. Money-arrides

Madras

The attention of the S.S. [illegible]

circle is drawn to the correspondence
from the S.E. III

ending with his letter No. 1869 dated
23.2.23 and he is requested to
explain the [illegible] a the
report called for in memo. No. 3313 Pol
dated 16.12.22.

9.3.23

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Copy of SE 3 was
issued from today ?

Draft remitted accordingly

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4.4.23

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5 APR 1923

P.W.D V. 111—21,200—29-12-16.

No. 6734

OFFICE OF THE ~~SUPERINTENDING~~ EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

Madras Circle.
~~Division.~~

Station M A D R A S *dated* 6-5-1923

From

M.R.Ry., Rao [illegible]
R.N. Arogyaswami Mudaliar Avergal B.A.,B.C.E.

~~SUPERINTENDING~~ EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

Madras Circle.
~~Division.~~

Enclosures.

2 estimates
2 sketches

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To

THE Chief Engineer

Public Works Department.

SIR,

Sub:- Repairing and replacing damaged and --- missing furnitures in the Church at Ramandrug.

With reference to your Memo. No.3313 Ac-2 dated 18-12-22 I have the honour to forward herewith two estimates one for replacing the missing articles amounting to Rs.600 and another for repairing the damaged articles in the Church at Ramandrug amounting to Rs.220/- for favour of obtaining necessary ~~action~~ sanction.

2. Reply regarding the report promised to you in the III Circle S.E.'s No.1387 dated 23-2-23 is still awaited from the Assistant Commanding Royal Engineer, Bangalore and will be forwarded to you on receipt. Since the Military ~~xxxx~~ authorities have -- accepted the sole responsibility for the damages and deficiencies the Military Department should place the necessary funds at the disposal of the P.W.D. for carrying out the renewals and repairs to the furniture

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Supg. Engineer, Madras Circl

9-5-23.

Copy of letter No. 1725 dated 17th March 1923, from the Asst. Comdg. Royal Engineer, Bangalore, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle, Bellary.

In reply to your 1388 dated 23rd February 1923 as the Officer responsible, according to the Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry (Para 2 of Findings) had been demobilized I do not see how he can be called upon to make good the loss

Applied

Bellary

Church at Ramandrug
Missing articles of furniture

CRO 3313Ac to S.S. Madras No 7166 of 12.12.22

No W.M.

3998Ac From — 481 W.M.B. of 7/8.12.22

Memo to the S.S. Madras No 3313Ac of 18.12.22

295 WMA From — to Madras No 673 W of 16.5.23

No 756 W of 25.5.23

Draft Admtt letter to the Govt of India are submitted. They may be sent to Ecclesiastical Dept for acceptance

Draft
17.6.23

2. Fund The demand immediately required is for the work Repairing the broken fans and replacing the fire-buckets of the Ramanding church. The cost of this work (viz Rs 220) which is debitable to Local Repairs Bellary will it is presumed be met by the E.E from the provision of Rs 1,770 therefor in the current year's Central C.W. budget

S.V.A. 16.6.23

S.S. returned 14/6/23
Steels repaired
p/CF.
Sd/- A.V. 16.6.23

K.V.A. 16-6-23

3. Wd 16/6/23

Royal Engineers letter on p 17 c 7. In the circumstances stated therein the write off of the missing articles – p 2 c 7 may be sanctioned ~~As the~~ The original value of these articles is not given but the cost of replacing them now is said to be Rs 880 ~~but~~ As this amount is less than Rs 1,000, the concurrence of the Finance Dept is not necessary to according sanction to the write off

A para has accordingly been added to the draft order

each administrative Dept of Govt has powers up to Rs 1000.

CR.
19.6.23

25/6/23

and one, in which there seems to have been a great deal of delay.

The Irish Free State Courts of Law Bill was passed in 1920

Draft accepted with the verbal alterations in this office and above

Eccl no 619-B
3-7-23.

SECTION
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1193

H.W.D.

U.S.

The verbal alteration has been carried out

2 The draft order and letter may now be issued

6/7/23

Sectt. II-10 (a)—26,596--11-4-21.

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READ AGAIN G.O. No. ....., dated 192

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READ ALSO:—

Ufdg C. No. 90 5 MA From the S. E. Madras Circle, No. 673-W, dated 10th May 192 3.

f17 of 979 MA " " --do-- " 756-W " 25th May 192 3.

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ORDER. No. 6760, dated 4-7- 1923

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The estimate amounting to Rs.220 for repairing the broken furniture and for replacing fire buckets in the Church at Ramandurg, Bellary district is approved and returned to the S.E. Madras circle, for technical sanction. The cost will be debited to 41 C.W. repairs central

2. The sanction of the Goverment of India will be applied for to the estimate amounting to Rs.880/- for replacing the missing articles of furniture.

JK

rticles mentioned in the Survey
eport attached to the letter of the
.E. of the late III circle No.
166/12-10-22.

C.R.
19-6-23

(B.O.G.C.)

23/6/23

for J.S.

To

The S.E. Madras Circle
with estimate.

A.G. Madras,
with a copy of the
Survey Report of
Missing articles.

676W/A dated 9.7.23

DE... 11 JUL 1923

The Secretary to the Govt.of India,
Dept. of Industry & Labour,
P. W. Branch.

ir,

Church at Ramandrug, Bellary District - Replacing certain missing articles of furniture - Estimate Rs. 880.

In accordance with Rule 28 (2) of Part V of the Government of India Eccl Rules, I am directed to address the Govt. of India on the subject of the replacement at Govt. expense of certain missing articles of furniture of the Church at Ramandrug.

The Church was used as a Hospital for the German prisoners of War with the sanction of the ~~Lord~~ Bishop of Madras during 1917-18 and

and was thus in the occupation of the Military Department. When early in 1920 the Military Department wanted to hand over the building with furniture etc the Chaplain of Bellary found some of the furniture broken and other articles missing. A court of enquiry --- assembled under the orders of the Officer commanding the Station, ~~has held~~ found that the Military Authorities are responsible for the damages and deficiencies. A copy of the Court's proceedings is herewith enclosed. As the Officer responsible according to the proceedings of the Court of enquiry has been demobilized, it has not been possible to call upon him to make good the loss.

3. In the circumstances, I am directed to request the approval of the Govt. of India to the estimate (enclosed) amounting to Rs.880/- for replacing the missing furniture. The cost will be debited to 41 Civil Works-Repairs-Central.

M.B.
2-6-23.

21.6.23

Have etc.,

for J.S.

DE... 11 JUL 1923

Encl: One estimate.

.F.D.

Call to be noted. 2/8/23.
Remind in three months.